owing to neglect of duty on the part of the village officials. The jodidars may therefore be empowered to forfeit the inam lands assigned for the service of the village officials if they fail to discharge their duties properly. They may be empowered to suspend the village officials, at least, temporarily if they are found not doing their duties satisfactorily.

Dewan.—This is too high a power exercised not even by the Deputy Commissioners.

The Revenue Commissioner said that Government had no concern with villages in which service inam lands had been granted by the jodidars themselves and that they could therefore deal with such lands as they liked. He also explained the provisions of the Village Offices Regulation under which inamdars might apply for a commission conferring on them the powers of Amildars or Assistant Commissioners to punish village officials.

Dewan.— The report of the Inam Commission will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 18.

Remission of wet assessment.

Messrs. H. Krishnamurthiachar and Ramappa, Mulbagal, Taluk; Anjaneya Setty and P. Vasudeva Rao, Pavagada Taluk; Singri Nanjappa, Tiptur Municipality, and Seenappa, Hoskote Taluk.

Mr. Krishnamurthiachar.—This is a very important subject which requires the sympathetic consideration of Government. There are a few tanks which get good supply every year, while the others do not get any supply at all; but the lands thereunder have to pay assessment at the same rate as that fixed on lands which have better facilities of irrigation. Even if the crops fail for years, *kandayam* is not remitted on such lands. This is very hard for the raiyats. There is not any appreciable difference between the rate of assessment on lands irrigated by small tanks and that on lands irrigated by large rivers. Suitable orders may be issued to remove the difficulties the raiyats are labouring under. The Madras system may be adopted in regard to remissions.

Revenue Commissioner.—The Special Committee appointed to formulate proposals with regard to remissions, recommended the adoption of the Bombay system. The Representative Assemby members also requested the same thing and Government after careful consideration issued the rules in February last, and they are more favourable to the raiyats than the Bombay rules. Government will see how these rules will work for three years, and then revise them if found necessary.

Messrs. Krishnamurthiachar and Karrick Krishnamurti Rao.—Owing to adverse seasonal conditions this year, crops have failed. Remission may be given in such parts where crops have entirely failed.

Revenue Commissioner.—It is better to know first how many tanks have received water during the rainy season and what lands have been cultivated under such tanks. Under the rules, applications should be made by the raiyats before the *jamabandi* time, so that the Deputy Commissioner may make necessary enquiries during *jamabandi* and make specific recommendations in hard cases.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastri.—It is not necessary to wait till the *jamabandi* time. The local officers should themselves inspect the localities, ascertain what tanks have received supply and submit reports instead of waiting for

applications from the raiyats concerned. Local officers may also be empowered to grant remissions.

Dewan.—The remission rules are based on the Bombay system as the conditions here are similar to those in Bombay. As regards the failure of crops this year, necessary reports will be called for from the Revenue Department, and the matter will be examined carefully.

SUBJECT No. 19.

Arrangement for the receipt of *kandayam* at any taluk treasury.

Rao Sahib B. V. Venkatasami Naidu, Bangalore Taluk.

Mr. Karnick Krishnamurti Rao.—At present, *kandayam* has to be remitted to the treasuries of the taluks where the lands are situate. This causes much inconvenience to people. They may be authorised to pay *kandayam* into any treasury, the fact being intimated to the treasury of the taluk where the land is situated by means of transfer receipts, for which commission may be received.

Dewan.—Favourable orders will issue early.

SUBJECT No. 20.

Empowering departmental officers to collect the revenue of their respective departments.

Messrs. Surappa, Narasimhaiya, Sira Taluk, and S. Naranappa, Sira Municipality.

Mr. Surappa.—Since the revenue collection work is done solely by the Revenue Department, there is delay in many cases. In order to obviate these delays, the different departments may be empowered to collect the revenue pertaining to the respective departments.

Dewan.—Government have not felt any inconvenience in this respect, and have not received any complaints so far. As long as Government is responsible for the collection, it matters not much who collects the revenue and the public are, in no way, affected by the existing practice.

SUBJECT No. 21.

Reduction of raiyats' contribution for the restoration of minor tanks.

Messrs. H. Krishnamurthiachar and G. Ramappa, Mulbagal Taluk; B. Srinivasa Iyengar and R. Subba Rao, Anekal Taluk, and H. Gubbaiya, Anekal Municipality.

Mr. B. Srinivasiengar.—For the restoration of minor tanks, the raiyats are expected to pay one-third of the total cost, but most of the raiyats being very poor, will not be able to pay the contribution. The raiyats' contribution may be fixed at one-fourth. If 90 per cent of the raiyats agree to pay their quota, the rest should be made to pay their share compulsorily.

Chief Engineer.—That question is under the consideration of Government and some rules are also under preparation.

Dewan.—The suggestion will be noted for consideration during the preparation of the draft Bill.

SUBJECT No. 22.

Recovery of contribution from raiyats for restoration of tanks.

Messrs. B. Usman Khan, Bangalore District Board; Chikka Guruvareddi, Bangalore Taluk; Jodidar Govindappa, Hoskote Taluk, and R. Gopalaswami Iyer, Bangalore City Municipality.

Mr. Usman Khan.—A time should be fixed for paying the contribution and no interest should be recovered on the amount and it should be ordered that people should pay one-fourth contribution without paying any interest.

Revenue Commissioner.—If contribution is made compulsory, it will be recovered along with *kandayam*.

Dewan.—Instalments should be fixed. This will be noted. No interest will be levied.